

Reunion Hotel Room update

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Thanks to Ed Carey and the New England NCVA Chapter we will be able to book more rooms at the Inn at Essex. Ed and the NCVA folks agreed to give some of the rooms they are holding to Pueblo crewmembers. When you see Ed and his crew at the reception they are throwing for us on Saturday be sure to give them a well done. In the last few days we have added 5 Pueblo folks to the booked list and one great friend, Andrew Shaw. But things are still going to be tight. We will still work like crazy to get everyone into the Inn at Essex but we do have a contingency plan in place.

There are a limited number of rooms at **the Handy Suites**, a long stay suites hotel, **1-802-872-5200**. Christina, the manager and Nebraska native has agreed to provide 5 or 6 suites at the reunion rate of \$125 per night. (Gee, all I did was mention Pete played in the Orange Bowl!) These suites are very nice and each one has a full kitchen if you wish to prepare a meal. The Handy Suites is located in Essex Junction and is about 3-4 very easy miles from the reunion headquarters.

Merrilee Phelps at the **Doubletree Hotel Burlington, 1-802-658-0250**, has also agreed to provide us with 10 rooms at the reunion rate of \$125 per night. It is about 8 miles away from the reunion headquarters but is closer to Interstate 89, the large shopping malls, Burlington's Church Street Marketplace and Lake Champlain. The Doubletree has a full service restaurant & bar Trader Duke's. We have until August 11 to take advantage of the Doubletree Hotel at the reunion rate. After that date the rate goes up considerably!

If have not made a reservation here is what you should do.

Call the **Inn at Essex 1-800-727-4295** and ask to make a room reservation with the **USS Pueblo Reunion Group**. They may have to tell you they are full but will put you on a Standby List. Perfect, get on the list! Next call either of the two hotels listed above. Tell the reservation person that you are with the **USS Pueblo Reunion Group** and make a reservation. Next please call me and let me know that you are coming to the reunion. **1-802-899-3021**. Terri and I are keeping close tabs on the room situation at the Inn and are working our hardest to get a room for you. It's our 40th, it's time to see you!